

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Great Aberdeen Pig Out Music Festival and Barbeque Cook-off celebrates the unique barbecue tradition of South Dakota while bringing positive national recognition to the city of Aberdeen and the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, As part of the fun filled weekend with live music, great food, vendors, and rides for children, this competition is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of barbeque as a culinary art and a sport; and,

Whereas, Barbeque is a unique way of preparing meat, either directly or indirectly over a heat source using wood and/or charcoal, and the personality of the individual smoker is expressed through the preparation and presentation of barbequed meat products with judging based on appearance, tenderness/texture, and taste; and,

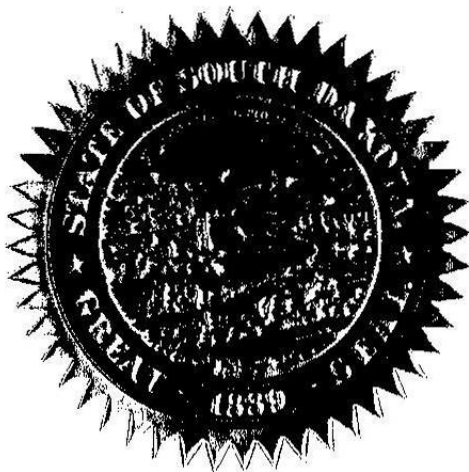
Whereas, The olfactory senses of any person or persons in the vicinity of a barbecue in process will be tantalized beyond reasonable limits, and choosing to partake thereof, will bring a taste experience like no other; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota has traditionally been known for its high quality beef, pork, and chicken products, and this contest will highlight such products:

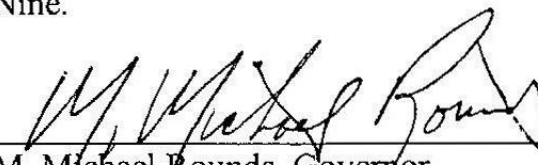
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 10-11, 2009, as

GREAT ABERDEEN PIG OUT MUSIC FESTIVAL AND BARBEQUE COOK-OFF DAYS

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State